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Title : METHOD FOR THE SYNTHESIS OF AMINES AND AMINO ACIDS WITH
ORGANOBORON DERIVATIVES

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 10, 2001, please consider the following amendments:

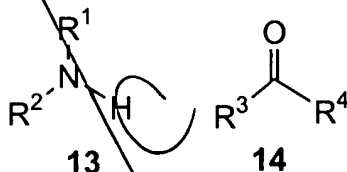
In the claims:

Please cancel claims 13-17.

Please amend claim 12 to read as follows:

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--12. (Amended) A combinatorial library prepared by a process comprising:
providing compounds of formula 13 and formula 14



where R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl, acylalkyl, carboxy, carboxamido, trialkylsilyl, arylalkylsilyl, diarylalkylsilyl, triarylsilyl, phosphinyl, and -YR, where Y is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -NR_a-, -S-, -SO-, and -SO₂-, and R and R_a are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and acyl, or R^1 and R^2 together form a methylene bridge of 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

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